

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**November 14, 2016**

**THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, - NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

**Funding Border Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure:** We approved \$7.47 million in border water infrastructure funding for a \$16.33 million project to upgrade and expand the wastewater treatment plant in Douglas, Arizona and connect 342 unserved homes in the neighboring Bay Acres Colonia. USDA-Rural Development is co-funding the project. We also approved \$5.26 million in border water infrastructure funding for a \$10.48 million project to construct drinking water distribution and wastewater collection infrastructure in six colonias in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. The Project will provide drinking water services for 2,350 homes and wastewater collection services to 3,506 homes. Wastewater will be treated at the existing Los Alisos Treatment Plant. We are partnering with CONAGUA, Mexico's National Water Commission, and the State utility serving Nogales to fund construction. (Kohn x2-3416)

**Yosemite Slough:** We signed two Interim Administrative Orders on Consent (AOC) with two groups of parties (Cooperating Parties and Government Parties) to conduct nine technical studies. These studies will support the eventual design for the action selected in the 2014 Action Memorandum, which is to remove PCBs and lead from sediments at the site. The AOCs became effective on November 7. (Fong x7-4117)

**Mainland Regional Response Team Meeting:** We co-hosted the mainland RRT meeting at the Washoe County Emergency Operations Center in Reno. The focus was inland area planning. We were joined by R10 and the CA Office of Spill Prevention and Response, among others. (Meer x2-3132)

**El Paso Natural Gas Cameron Area Abandoned Mines:** We met with representatives of El Paso Natural Gas (EPNG) to discuss next steps in completing the lateral characterization of the 19 mines on Navajo Nation for which the company has responsibility. EPNG agreed not to pursue dispute resolution as well as to complete full Removal Site Evaluations (RSE) for its two priority mines by 2018. (Pease x2-3068)

**Hunters Point Naval Shipyard:** Together with the Navy and DTSC, we met with San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee and Supervisor Malia Cohen to discuss issues surrounding radiological test results at the site. The Navy shared its plan to hire a 3<sup>rd</sup> party independent contractor to collect samples at potentially affected portions of the Shipyard in the next 10-16 months. The Mayor and Supervisor were concerned about health impacts and about delay of property transfer for redevelopment. The agencies confirmed no likely immediate health risk and committed to prioritize the work. The Mayor has set up several monthly leadership meetings to track progress. Congresswoman Pelosi's Chief of Staff joined by phone. (Lee x7-4187 Lane x2-3236)

**Audit Close-Out:** Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

**Travel Voucher Timeliness:** The Federal travel regulations require that travelers submit vouchers within five days. OCFO sent a report for October travel showing the percentage of vouchers that were late. Region 9 is among the better performing offices, with 22% past due. In October, 189 vouchers were submitted and 42 were late. R9 Accounting Office recently received access to travel reports and will implement a plan to monitor travel voucher submission on a regular basis.

**Interagency Vector-Borne Disease Meeting:** We convened in Phoenix an interagency discussion on vector-borne disease. Twenty-five representatives from 10 agencies and sub-agencies gathered to discuss unaddressed needs in Indian Country and began charting ways to meet those needs. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for March or April of 2017. (Ebbert, 7-3561)

**THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, – NOVEMBER 18, 2016**

**Holding Water Infrastructure Financing Information Sessions:** We will hold an information session about the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program on November 14<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco and another in Los Angeles on November 15<sup>th</sup>. I [REDACTED] **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

[REDACTED] (Eberhardt x2-3420)

**Great Basin Rule - Owens Lake Dust Control Measures:** [REDACTED] **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

[REDACTED] (Vineyard x7-4125)

**Enforcement (b) (7) (A)**

[REDACTED] (Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

**Outer Continental Shelf air rule update:** [REDACTED] **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

[REDACTED] (Vineyard x7-4125)

**San Joaquin Valley (SJV) [REDACTED] Deliberative Process (b) (5) 1997 PM2.5 standards:** [REDACTED] **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

[REDACTED] (Mays x2-3227)

**Yolo-Solano Large Confined Animal Facilities:** [REDACTED] **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

[REDACTED] (Levin x2-3848)

**Engaging on Water Quality in the San Juan River:** We will facilitate a workshop on November 15 to develop a multi-jurisdictional framework for water quality decisions involving the San Juan River. Participants will include Utah DEP, Navajo Nation EPA, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, New Mexico Environment Department, representatives from EPA ORD and Regions 6 and 8. The discussion will focus on sharing data from monitoring, comparing water quality standards and assessment methodologies, listing policies under 303(d), identifying impairments, nonpoint source activities, and watershed-based planning. (Montgomery x2-3438)